

60TH LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—MATERIAL
AND SERVICE PURCHASE CONTRACTS

H. J. R. No. 49

Proposing an amendment to Section 21 of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to not require approval by the governor, secretary of state and the comptroller of certain materials and services purchase contracts.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Section 21 of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas is amended to read as follows:

"Section 21. All stationery and printing, except proclamations and such printing as may be done at the Texas School for the Deaf, and paper, except that for the Judicial Department, shall be furnished under contract, to be given to the lowest and best bidder under such regulations as shall be prescribed by law. No member or officer of any department of the government shall be in any way interested in such contract."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the constitutional amendment removing certain provisions relating to purchase of fuel and refurbishing the rooms and halls of the Legislature and the requirement that the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Comptroller must approve certain contracts of purchase."

"AGAINST the constitutional amendment removing certain provisions relating to purchase of fuel and refurbishing the rooms and halls of the Legislature and the requirement that the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Comptroller must approve certain contracts of purchase."

Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election, and this amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the constitution and laws of this state. The publication of this amendment shall be limited to Sections 1 and 2 of the Resolution only.

Adopted by the House on May 12, 1967: Yeas 129, Nays 6; passed by the Senate on May 27, 1967: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Signed by the Governor June 17, 1967.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—CIGARS AND
TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX

H. J. R. No. 50

Proposing an amendment to Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding Section 1-j to authorize the Legislature to provide for the refund of the tax on cigars and tobacco products sold at retail within the corporate limits of Texarkana, Texas, or any incorporated city or town in Texas contiguous to Texarkana.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding Section 1-j to read as follows:

"Section 1-j. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1 of this article, the Legislature may provide for the refund of the tax paid on the

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first sale of cigars and tobacco products in this state which are subsequently sold at retail within the corporate limits of Texarkana, Texas, or any incorporated city or town in Texas contiguous to Texarkana."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1968, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following:

"FOR the constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for the refund of the tax on cigars and tobacco products sold at retail within the corporate limits of Texarkana, Texas, or any incorporated city or town in Texas contiguous to Texarkana."

"AGAINST the constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for the refund of the tax on cigars and tobacco products sold at retail within the corporate limits of Texarkana, Texas, or any incorporated city or town in Texas contiguous to Texarkana."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election, and this amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and laws of this state. The publication of this amendment shall be limited to the publication of Sections 1 and 2 of this Resolution only.

Adopted by the House on May 12, 1967: Yeas 103, Nays 26 and 1 present not voting; passed by the Senate on May 23, 1967: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Filed without signature June 18, 1967.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN EL PASO AND TARRANT COUNTIES—CONSOLIDATING FUNCTIONS

H. J. R. No. 60

Proposing an amendment to Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, adding Section 64, to provide for consolidating offices and functions of government by act of the Legislature and for performance of governmental functions by contract between political subdivisions in El Paso and Tarrant Counties.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to add Section 64 to read as follows:

"Section 64. (a) The Legislature may by statute provide for consolidation of governmental offices and functions of government of any one or more political subdivisions comprising or located within El Paso or Tarrant Counties. Any such statute shall require an election to be held within the political subdivisions affected thereby with approval by a majority of the voters in each of these subdivisions, under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may require.

"(b) The county government, or any political subdivision(s) comprising or located therein, may contract one with another for the performance of governmental functions required or authorized by this Constitution or the Laws of this State, under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may prescribe. No person acting under a contract